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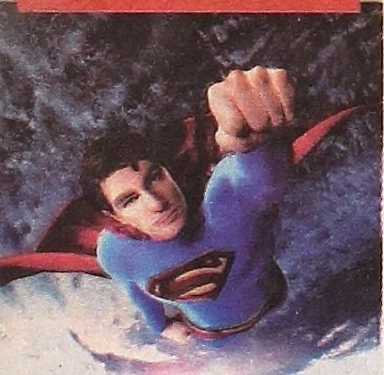
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## Big fish . . .

Romulus resident James Hyde and his friends had a very exciting day on Belleville Lake recently when the fisherman felt a tug at his line. On the other end was an unusually large catfish – a rare find in the lake. This fish weighed 39 pounds – which is much larger than a typical catfish. Though catfish vary in size, Field and Stream magazine said an average catfish weighs anywhere from 3.2 to 11.2 pounds. The largest recorded catfish ever caught weighed 58 pounds. The fish came to be known as catfish because of the whiskers.



## Fireworks calls keep police busy

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Several people complained about fireworks this week, but no one was hurt. However, answering the calls about the traditional incendiary devices tested the resources of the Romulus Police Department.

Romulus Police Sgt. Jeff Lazarski said that there were no recorded injuries in the eight calls that were received July 2, and that no one at the department noticed a spike in activity.

"This is about the same level as last year, so it's not unusual," said Lazarski. "Most of the people call because of the noise, or because they notice small children have them. They're afraid someone's going to get hurt, or

something's going to get burned down."

Still, answering calls for fireworks set off in quiet enclaves or in close proximity to homes can be a big task.

"Sure, it's a huge strain on our resources," he said. "There's a lot of overtime involved for the department. And other calls that come are often set back because of them."

Often times, fireworks injuries can cause permanent disfigurement and life-threatening injuries.

Though firecracker calls did not exceed police expectations this year, non-fatal injuries related to faulty or misused explosives have been on the rise.

A just-released study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety

Commission shows an estimated 10,800 children and adults were treated for fireworks injuries last year in the United States. That is up from 9,600 in 2004 and part of a steady increase in fireworks-related injuries since 1996, the commission said. The study also found that nearly 70 percent of all fireworks-related injuries take place around the holiday, and that most victims are children and teens. The top three injury-causing fireworks are firecrackers, sparklers, and rockets.

Police recommend that children not handle fireworks because of the possibility and accident could occur.

Data regarding the number of fireworks accidents on the Fourth of July was not available at press time.

## Man charged after nail gun assault

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A man wielding a nail gun on the top of a newly-refurbished building allegedly fired several nails at a group of union protesters, police said.

Brad Bilbrey, 25, of Romulus, was working on the top of a building on the 27500 block of Pennsylvania Street near Heatherway Street on June 29 when a war of words broke between him and a group of unionized construction workers, said Sgt. Jeff Lazarski of the Romulus Police Department.

"The conflict appears to have been over non-unionized construction workers working at the site," he said. "An argument broke out, and he allegedly fired two nails from the gun toward the protesters."

No one on the construction site was hurt during, police said.

One of the protesters called police after the incident, and officers interviewed several witnesses who said the nails were fired at the protesters, police

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**Sgt. Jeff Lazarski**  
**Romulus Police**  
**Department**

said. Police later took Bilbrey into custody after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for his arrest.

Bilbrey was later charged with one count of misdemeanor assault at the 34th District Court in Romulus. He was released on bond, and will return to the court for a pre-trial examination on the charges in two weeks.

If convicted on the charges, he will face serving up to 90 days in jail for the infraction.

Protests are sporadic at the building site. Other than this incident, there have no recorded incidents at the site since the beginning of the protest, according to police records.

## Schools name new special service director

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

There's a new director of special services in town.

Susan Mitchell, an educator with nearly 30 years experience, is vacating her role as a social worker at Barth Elementary to help Special Services for the Romulus Community School District. In

that role, she will help create and coordinate social services and other programs for students in need.

Mitchell will succeed Jeffrey Royal, who officially retired last week.

Romulus Board of Education members voted unanimously to appoint Mitchell to her new position two weeks ago.

Dick Kruse, a spokesman for the Romulus Community School District, said, "The entire Romulus educational community congratulates Susan Mitchell on her appointment and extends best wishes to her in her new position."

Mitchell joined Romulus Community Schools nine years

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# Annual county 'Mud Day' set

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Wayne County Parks will host the 18th annual Mud Day from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. July 11 at the Nankin Mills picnic area, located on Hines Drive near Ann Arbor Trail in Westland

As part of the event, county staff will use several tons of topsoil and thousands of gallons of water to create a giant mud pit in which families can play.

"It was created so that kids could get as messy as possible without getting in trouble," said Beverly Watts, director of Wayne County Parks.

She said a lot of work goes into the construction of the mud pit.

"It's 1 1/2 feet deep, 110 feet long, and 75 feet wide," said Watts. "We start filling it at least six hours early. That's how long it takes for us to get it just the way we want it—nice and messy."

The efforts seem to pay off, however, as an increasing number of residents take time to get involved.

"Last year, we had at least 1,500 people," Watts said. "This year, we're trying to definitely double that number."

Once the pit is opened, children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different games, races, and contests. They

can also play in a fountain of water streaming down, sprinkler style, from a fire hose provided by the Westland Fire Department, Watts said.

"You don't have to worry about your child getting dirty—they will," she said.

At the end of the event, two of the filthiest children will earn the title of Mr. and Ms. Mud Day.

Watts recommended that parents bring a towel and a clean set of clothes.

Mud Day will occur rain or shine. For more information, contact the Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit their website [www.waynecounty.com/parks](http://www.waynecounty.com/parks).

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Although most of the children who participate in Mud Day manage to achieve impressive levels of filthiness, by the end of the day most will have a smile hidden under the grime. Photo courtesy of Wayne County Parks.

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Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2006**, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request for expansion of the existing site to include outside RV & Boat storage on a parcel of land located at 28266 Ecorse Road, parcel# **82-80-004-02-0814-300**. The parcel is zoned M-1, Light Industrial District. This type of facility is permitted in the M-1, Light Industrial District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, July 17, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# Belleville teacher honored by Walmart

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

After working eight years in broadcast news, Jason Strzalkowski witnessed a lot that he felt could be applied to the classroom.

"I saw things good and bad," he said. "It became difficult at times, but my TV career lead me to teaching."

His two-year teaching career at Belleville High School also led to his being named "Teacher of the Year" by Wal-Mart. He was nominated by Patrice Taylor, who will be a senior at the school next year.

"This was the third year I had her as a student and I worked with her a lot. Unfortunately, this was the last year I'll have her as a student," said Strzalkowski, a social sciences and world cultures teacher. "When I heard I received this I was in shock, but it's nice to get a pat on the back. It's also nice that the high school is getting some positive attention."

As part of the Wal-Mart Good Works community involvement program, the company recognizes teachers across the U.S. each year. Since 1996, more than 40,000 teachers have been recognized.

April Warner, a department manager at Wal-Mart, said the committee chose Strzalkowski because of the student entry.

"We haven't had too many high school students come in here. Her entry showed that she really took the time to come in and nominate him," said Warner. "We found him to be the best qualified for the award."

Apparently, so did his students.

"I try to show the students how the rest of the world lives," said Strzalkowski. "A lot of the kids in the school district have never even left Wayne County; these kids don't travel. I've been all over the world and I try to encourage them to have big dreams. I tell them about my mistakes and how they can learn from them and bounce back."

"My students get to see how passionate I am. I love opening a window to new places and encouraging them to see it for themselves," he added. "I listen to the kids, give them my ear, extra effort and do my best to show them why everything matters."

Strzalkowski said he credits that to his experience.

"At one point I went to school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., then from 2:30-11:30 p.m. I worked at the TV station. I figured out I was driving about 1,200 miles a week. It was insane, but it made me who I am," he said. "Journalism



1st lieutenant John Price (center) is a military advisor with the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq.

## Marine has 'Price'less impact in Iraq

Kevin Hill  
Staff writer

John Price is 6,200 miles from his hometown of Canton Township.

"Everyone here knows who the bad guys are," he said. "It's just a matter of getting people to tell us."

Price, 25, is a 1st lieutenant with a military transition team in the rural town of Al Jazeera, Iraq. He and 10 other military advisors have been embedded with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Intervention Force.

Price spoke by satellite phone from the 2-3-1 area of operations last week. It was 6:30 in the afternoon and temperatures easily reached 100 degrees. In about four hours he would accompany the Iraqis on a night patrol to a combat post.

The forces were gradually securing houses in the area and expanding their area of operations further north.

"We're totally embedded with them," he said. "We live in an old Iraqi farmhouse."

U.S. military leaders have said that the transition teams, known as MiTTs, are essential for defeating the insurgency in the country and the eventual drawdown of Coalition forces.

The elite groups have long been used to help aid fledgling foreign militaries. The Americans give advice on tactics and techniques to the Iraqi brigade and also call in reinforcements or order airstrikes.

Price said his brigade was exceptional and virtually independent from the Marines. The Iraqis make their own battle decisions, with the Americans explaining how they might approach the situation.

It's a two-way street: Price said the Iraqis are more adept as they patrol the country.

"Working the intel thing is paying off really big," he said. "I think it's one of the advantages we have working with the Iraqis. They can tell when people are lying."

He said the Iraqi are making progress, though the quick pace of combat operations has made it tough to do any traditional training. A suicide bomber killed two Iraqi soldiers and wounded several others recently. In another attack, mortars were fired on the troops as they ate lunch, injuring 15 more.

"We've just gotten a few augments from a unit adjacent to us," he said. "It's kind of calmed down."

Price is on his second

deployment, due to return stateside in January. He said he might become a recruiter in New York after that, although he said he wasn't sure why he signed up himself in the first place.

"I don't know. I really don't know," he said. "I signed up before Sept. 11 and all that. I was still in college at the time, but I had already put my name on the contract. It wasn't any knee jerk reaction (to the terrorist attacks)."

In Iraq, his unit has helped supply schools with generators, conducted medical checkups among the public and recently began to test the drinking water.

"The older people are kind of indifferent to us," he said. "We're there, you know. There's the smaller minorities—you can tell they don't like us. The way the culture is here, everybody's related in some way. Everybody knows who's shooting mortars."

Price said he stays abreast of what people are saying about the war here. He said he's just glad to help the Iraqis he is around every day.

"I would have to say the kids that are here, that's one of the things that gets me through it," he said. "They just love us."

## Teacher - Mitchell will replace retiring service director

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ago as an on-site social worker at Barth. During her time there, Mitchell authored a program called "No Bullying" which helps children understand the negative effects bullying has on fellow students. That program won several awards and is still ongoing at the school.

Mitchell was also a member of the school Blue Ribbon Committee, the North Central Accreditation Committee, and the school climate committee, which measures the learning atmosphere at the school. She

was also the coordinator of the Drug Free School Program at Barth Elementary School.

Prior to joining Romulus Community Schools, Mitchell worked with the Saratoga, New York Social Services Department for 18 years.

At Barth, Mitchell won several awards for her work. The Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) honored her for her work with special needs children on the Parent Advisory Committee.

She was named the RESA ancillary staff "Person of the

Year" and received two Crystal Apple awards for achievement in social work.

Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in social science and elementary education from Russell Sage College in Saratoga, New York, and a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. She will work at the school district Grant Road headquarters and is expected to assume her role this month.

Mitchell and her husband, Daniel, have two children, Nolan and Adrienne. They also have three grandchildren.

## News in brief

### Computer training available

People who need to improve their computer skills can do so free of charge at one of two community laboratories.

Dartmouth Square Apartments and Demby Terrace Apartments are home to computer labs that are open to anyone who lives in the city. Both labs have access to the Internet, which is provided by Comcast. Full access to word processing is also available.

At the Dartmouth lab, training is available for young people from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, and on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for adults.

More comprehensive classes are taking place at the Dartmouth lab. Students can learn more about word processing, spreadsheets, the Internet, web site design, desktop publishing and online auctioning.

The Demby lab is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dartmouth Square is located at 26382 Colgate St., and the Demby Center lab is located at 4360 Hickory St.

For more information, call Inkster Weed and Seed at (734) 722-5146.

### Teacher named educator of the year

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority named Blanchette Middle School English teacher Barbara Donald the "Best and Brightest Outstanding Community Leader and Educator" for 2006.

Donald was given the award last week by the Eta Iota Omega chapter of the sorority, which is located in Inkster.

### Summerfest events scheduled

The Inkster Summerfest will begin at 6 p.m. July 28 with an amateur entertainment show from 6-9 p.m. and live entertainment from 8-11 p.m.

The fun continues Saturday from noon to midnight with family activities from 1-4 p.m. Youngsters can compete in hula hoop, horseshoe, Connect Four, sack racing and watermelon eating contests for prizes. Live entertainment will take place from 5-12 p.m. with KISS 105.9 FM disc jockey A.J. Parker at the turntable. A raffle will take place, with prizes including a \$300 and \$200 gas gift certificate, an iPod, and three bicycles. The evening will close with a fireworks display at dusk.

# OPINION

## Ballad of the Republic sung in the year 2007

Things were quiet in Attwood Park that day  
The sound of children? Just the usual that played  
There were no tents nor screenhouses dotting the paths;  
No barbecues, few pizza boxes—far less than half  
the number seen in the glorious days past.  
The park seemed empty: less people, more grass.  
The parking lot nearby? That's empty too.  
Not filled up with vendors hawking greasy food  
Or carnival workers enticing people to fill  
Lines in front of them for games of 'skill.'  
No motorized wonders flinging children around;  
no ships reached skyward, nor spun on the ground.  
The merry-go-round? Nope, just a memory.  
Will these things return? We'll have to see.  
But for now the fireworks are gone;  
no need to set up chairs on the lawn.  
This community party for now has been quenched—  
like an injured all-star, brooding and benched.  
The budget has run dry, there are no funds for this—  
snatched from tradition without a goodbye kiss.  
We'll move inside with the dusks' fading light;  
no flashing displays will interrupt this night.  
The silence will settle on this once-thriving place  
where families gathered and policemen paced.  
Where smoke filled the air, carrying the smells  
of summer, along with the jubilant yells  
of children fueled by ice cream and cotton candy—  
a scene that was just fine, even dandy.  
Well, it's not that bad, perhaps we can still see  
some of these things—there's always TV.  
For the bands will play somewhere, hearts will be light  
Cheerful explosions will somewhere dance in the night.  
Men will laugh and the children will shout  
But not here in Wayne—the fireworks have been put out.

*With apologies to Ernest Lawrence Thayer*

## Northville needs millages

You may have noticed a few yellow and black signs posted at various points around the Northville community.  
They're pretty hard to read, but what they say is 'Say Yes, shared services, public safety, Aug. 8.'  
Township residents will find these two millage requests on the ballot in August and we think they should approve both of them.  
The first is a .875 millage to fund the township portion of the services shared with the City of Northville. Those include parks and recreation, senior citizens services and the Northville Youth Assistance. This shared services millage is a good idea because it provides for adequate funding for these vital programs and it incorporates and replaces a land acquisition and development millage voters approved in 1998. Back then, voters approved a combined 1.33 mills so this request represents a lower tax rate and also shifts the focus from acquiring parkland to maintaining it. It's a good deal for residents.  
The public safety millage is a renewal and it is also a good deal for

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## Cooperation could raise curtain

For more than two decades, the Historic Wayne Theater has been in a controversial spot in the City of Wayne.

Once a main downtown attraction, it has been vacant and fallen into disrepair along the most prominent part of downtown—Michigan Avenue.

Thousands of motorists speed by—and I do mean speed by—it every day. It kind of symbolized the city, a once proud place that has fallen on hard times and is slowly working its way back.

Who knows, maybe it's been in that shape for so long that the passing drivers don't even notice it anymore, even with the message on the sign.

I hope that's not the case for long.

Once again talk has surfaced about returning the theater to its glory days. Usually it comes up every autumn as the volunteer board that oversees the 501(c)3 non-profit organization puts on another haunted theater fundraiser to chip away at the vast expense needed to restore the structure.

This effort, however, seems to have a little more gumption behind it. There is talk of not only bringing the theater back, but also promoting a theater district in the city. There is talk about what will happen once the theater is open, a definitive timeline put in place, too.

Will the people pushing this effort be able to pull it off? Will they be able to break ground in September for their major renovation project and have it open by April?

To be honest, I don't know. I am, however, cautiously optimistic, and for several good reasons.

First the effort is more organized now than I've seen it in my three years covering the community. There was always nice rhetoric about the place, what it was and what it could be again, but that was about the extent of it.

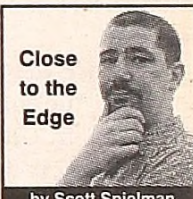
Now, with the return of Don Nicholson, who was involved in the effort more than 20 years ago and left essentially out of frustration, those efforts seemed to have crystallized a little more.

I still have some doubt if he can pull it off. He's a busy guy, for one thing, with a lot of irons in the proverbial fire, and this is a monstrous task he's heading up.

What factors into my cautious optimism is the simple fact that he knows this. His estimates of what it will cost—upwards of \$1.5 million—seem to mesh with those familiar projects of that scope. He's got a plan and he's diligently working with it.

Another thing that gives me encouragement is the state of cooperation between the theater group, the chamber of commerce and the city itself. It would be easy to take the opposite approach—if I received an order telling me that the building I've worked so hard on for decades, a structure so stable that it could probably survive any kind of earthquake, was a dangerous building and needed to be torn down, I don't know how I would respond.

I think that's the key, in fact, the cooperation I've seen. There's only one way this project will ever come to fruition, and that's if we all work together to force it to happen.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Keeping the shopping masses happy

In this season of summer sidewalk sales and downtown festivals, there are communities like Canton Township that have no real city center to speak of.

There is Ford Road, of course. That's less of a city center, which is a place that everyone wants to be, and more of a "retail corridor," a place where everybody has to go.

This year, Canton is trying something new with Canton Live—a program by the downtown development authority and leisure services department to try and breathe some life into the soulless shopping district on Ford Road.

I've done my share of strip mall shopping, and I've never really seen a happy shopper. Who would be, after fighting traffic, fighting for a parking space and fighting against the tide of fellow shoppers inside? The suburban consumer is a paradoxical creature, simultaneously preaching their love of shopping while suppressing a seething hatred of every breathing thing they encounter.

The solution in Canton? Complement everyday shopping with a mini-festival, of sorts.

Canton Leisure Services and the downtown

development authority are rolling out a new mobile stage, which will make its way around the various strip mall parking lots. It got notable use during the grand opening of IKEA, when groups entertained the thousands who waited in line.

The stage has been made available to all businesses along the corridor trying to provide a reason to want to shop Ford Road. It will be used at the upcoming "Canton Jam Session" July 14-19, which will feature a food tent, local bands and even a school uniform fashion show inside the Willow Creek shopping plaza.

Throughout July and August, V98.7 Smooth Jazz is sponsoring performances at several different shopping plazas.

One has to wonder how will these concerts will be received. Will people be in such a rush ("OK, we've gotta hit Kohl's then Target then IKEA...") that they won't stop for the fun? Will it be seen as just another hassle in the way blocking the way to the cash regis-



Local ties

by Kevin Hill

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# Millage

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residents. The 4.7 mills requested is less than the 5.01 mills voters approved in 1998—it's only slightly more than the 4.672 millage rate residents are paying now through the Headlee rollback.

Township officials did a smart thing when they looked at this millage renewal, and allowed for more flexibility in the operation of the funds going forward. The money goes directly to the public safety department—it essentially comprises that entire budget—but does not dictate how much goes to each department based on a preconceived formula. That means police and fire officials can work together to properly fund their departments year to year. It should provide the flexibility they need to adequately pay for upcoming capital expenses, when they come up.

Moreover, this millage is essential to the operation of the public safety depart-

ment—and the township in general. Township officials have done an admirable job in planning the future of their community. They now have a police facility that will serve the residents for the next 25 years, at least. The police headquarters is widely recognized as one of the best in the state. They've taken on proactive programs, too, designed to bridge the gap between the public and the public servants.

We don't think the township has done a very good job in getting the word out about the millage request and the town hall meeting to explain it was a bit dry, too—and only attracted about a dozen residents.

That's no reason to reject these important proposals, though.

Combined, they represent a reduction of .33 mills to the tax rate if they are approved.

That's too good a deal to pass up, and the consequences are too severe for anything other than two yes votes.

Vote yes on Aug. 8.

# Jam session

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ter?

Or, if the events provide further incentive to come to Ford Road, will that anger regular shoppers past the breaking point?

Regardless of the outcome, people are going to continue shopping there. Anyone who's driven the area knows you don't need ice cream and fashion shows to

entice people to Canton.

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As for me, I take the same viewpoint with this project as I did with the art along Ford: in a town that needs to drive everywhere to do anything, it's nice to have something interesting to see along the way—besides a fight over a parking space.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, July 10, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to Hear Objection to the Request of D&G Building Company, to Establish an Industrial Development District.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan  
Ph. 734-942-7540

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

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## NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 8, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Primary Election will be held in this County, Tuesday, August 3, 2006 and that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will, upon any day except Sunday or a legal holiday, receive application for registration from any elector entitled to register in said City, not already registered, who may apply for said registration

Registrations will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, July 10, 2006.

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# THE SCENE



## A real Superman

Reviewed By  
Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

### New film brings back the first real super hero

Up, up and away!  
That's what they'll be saying at the box office as ticket sales soar with the new *Superman Returns* taking flight last week. It's a good bet that the new Man of Steel will crush box office numbers this summer and could top out as the highest grossing film of the year.

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It's fantastic!  
Fans have longed for the return of possibly the greatest superhero of all time. It has been 19 years—28 since the last GOOD Superman movie, the original *Superman*—but Superman is back and it was well worth the wait.

It's not so much a return as it is a rebirth.

I was 5 when I first heard the Superman theme in the 1978 original movie. Last week, I was just as thrilled when it blared through theater speakers. Even the throwback opening credits harkened back to my childhood days. If that wasn't enough, I was even more pumped up when the theater erupted into an explosion of cheers and claps after Superman saved the day for the first time after his long absence.

It was like seeing and hearing it for the first time.

Whoever was in charge of hiring finally (after several attempts) made the right choice with director Bryan Singer—the guy that brought us the first two *X-Men* movies and the award-winning *The Usual Suspects*. It shouldn't have taken this long to realize that Singer can make a movie and make it well.

He pulls out all of the tricks with *Superman Returns*, using the best technol-



ogy and groundbreaking special effects to get Superman up and flying. Singer pushes the envelope, using some incredible camera angles and iconography to breathe new life into the comic book series.

Although Singer should be hailed a super man for what he has done here, it was Brandon Routh that dons the 'S' shield and fills in some pretty big shoes previously worn by the late Christopher Reeve. Somehow Routh does it and does it perfectly. It's not so much him in the blue tights and red cape, though; it is how he performs as the bumbling Clark Kent. He not only looks like Reeves but also

sounds like and carries the same mannerisms—brilliant on Routh's part.

The story starts with Superman returning to Earth from a five-year intergalactic journey in search for the remains of his home, Krypton. He winds up back on the Kent Farm in Kansas in the care of his mother Martha (Eva Marie Saint). He soon realizes that he must return to Metropolis as humankind's savior and resume his love of Lois Lane.

He steps into his old job as a reporter at the Daily Planet but discovers Lois (Kate Bosworth) is engaged to Richard White (James Marsden), the nephew of Daily Planet Chief Editor Perry White (Frank Langella); has a 5-year-old son and won a Pulitzer Prize for an article titled, "Why we don't need Superman."

One of the few negatives of the film is Bosworth as Lois—she just seems too young for the part and isn't the best actress in films today. The second would be her 5-year-old son, Jason (Tristan Leabu). This, in the end, is an unnecessary subplot and will only cause problems

for the future of the franchise.

Before Clark and Lois have a chance to reconcile their relationship/friendship, a power outage sends both the new Genesis space shuttle and its carrier plane, containing Lois, hurling into space. Have no fear: Superman is back and saves the day.

At the same time Clark returns to his dual life, Superman's arch nemesis and super-villain Lex Luther—played wonderfully by Kevin Spacey—is back to his no-good ways with his dimwitted female companion Kitty Kowalski (Parker Posey).

His plan is to use Krypton's crystal technology from Superman's Fortress of Solitude to literally grow a new continent that would drown the United States in its wake. The plan could kill billions but, most importantly, with the crystals united with Krypton it would kill Superman. So he thinks.

The 157-minute runtime is a bit long but Singer and Routh have made a movie that is worth the hype and excitement and will leave audiences wanting to come back to see it again and again.



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# SPORTS

## Flying high New Romulus coach destined to lead team

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

When the Romulus head football coaching position opened up it was practically an act of fate that Matt Ladach would get the job.

The 29-year-old grew up in Romulus, played high school football as an Eagle and for two years was an assistant coach under Mark Woodson, now the district athletic director.

Ladach said he always knew he would end a head coach somewhere and hoped it would be at Romulus.

"Other than my family (football) is my life," he said. "Since I was a little kid I knew I wanted to be a part of football somehow, some way. I wasn't big enough or fast enough or anything to play, so coaching is the next best thing I love football.

"I know the kids here are hungry—they want to win," he added. "This is a blue-collar town and I grew up here and I always told my wife that if (the Romulus job) ever opens I want to coach there because I know we can win."

Ladach starred as a guard

and inside linebacker for two years on the varsity squad. He graduated in 1995 and headed to Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a degree in Physical Education with a minor in English.

During that time Ladach assisted Woodson from 1998-

*The earlier coaches have done a good job of teaching the kids technique and helping them mature.*

**Matt Ladach**

2000. Then he took a job as a phys-ed teacher at Northville high school. He was also an assistant for six years with three different coaches, last serving with current Northville Coach Ryan Hockman.

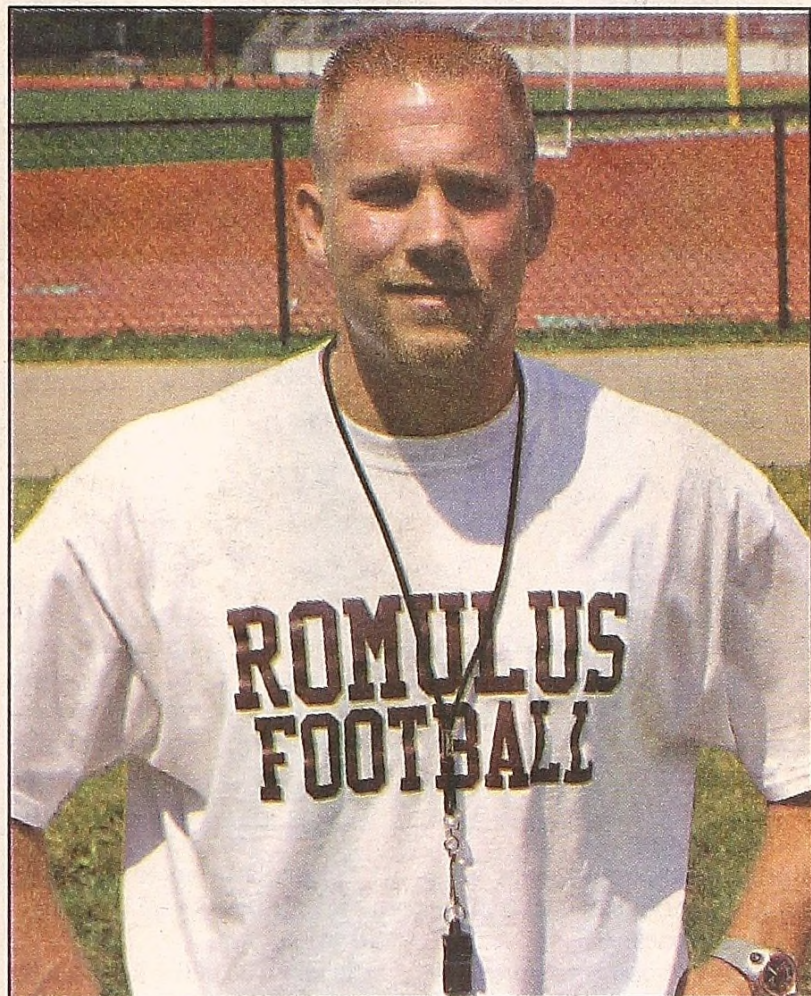
"I was up front with Coach

Hockman," Ladach said. "I told him that I wasn't currently looking for a head coaching job but if the Romulus job opened up I was going to try and take it. And it did."

Ladach may have his work cut out for him. He inherited a team that has struggled in the Mega Conference for the last five years, even after being moved down to the Blue division last year.

"The earlier coaches have done a good job of teaching the kids technique and helping them mature as players, but so young the last couple of years," he said. "If you look at the games they played last year, they were right in it with Highland Park and right in there with Inkster and had a lot of close games. I think they're ready, now."

Romulus will have some stiff competition to get by in order to make an impact. The Eagles will face Highland Park, Carlson, Crestwood, and Thurston and they have a crossover against Inkster—all were playoff teams last year. Ladach believes it won't take much to turn around the ailing program, though.



Matt Ladach will have his chance to lead his former high school team this season.

"There's a lot of talent in this town—it's a hardworking community," Ladach said. "I think new blood and a fresh start is all it's going to take to get the kids going.

"There is going to be a fresh start for the guys and we're

going to be an organized group of guys who are going to be very disciplined," he added. "I'm going to bring respect and respectability back to Romulus football."

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# Eagles

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The new coach has put together a credible staff that he thinks will help and already has helped in achieving his endeavors.

"You can't get it done yourself in high school football," he said.

"The assistant coaches have been working hard and are doing everything that I asked them to. They don't get paid a lot of money but they've been putting their time in and I appreciate all the work that they're doing."

The entire staff will have another young group of players to work with but an experienced core of players will be back.

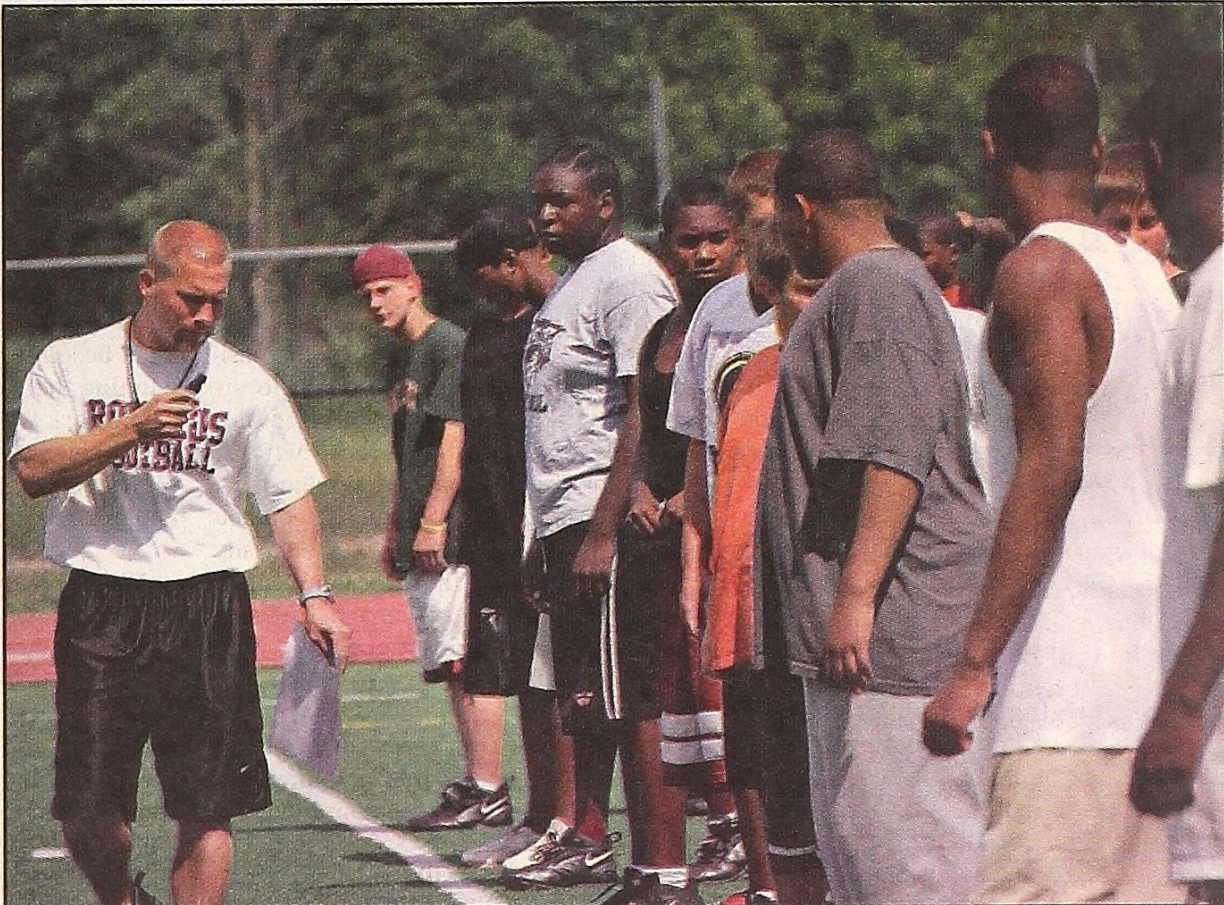
Among those returning are last year starters Mario Crawford, a versatile junior in the backfield; senior Shane Wells, a wide receiver and free safety with blazing speed; tough

senior fullback Jarrel White; junior running back and defensive end Donzelle Carter; junior corner Larry Nastal; senior leader and center and defensive tackle Joe "Rev" Kiesznowski; Division 1 possibility, senior tight end and linebacker Antoine James; and senior wideout/free safety Andre Smith.

Ladach said new additions like junior lineman Devon Parker will be a huge asset to the forming team.

"I think the kids are excited about the new staff coming in," Ladach said. "They have responded well to the new program and what we're doing. They've been working hard.

"There's been fairly good turnout in the weight room in the off-season," he added. "I think about 38 of the kids, quote-unquote football guys, played a spring sport and on top of those 38, we were seeing another 25 kids in the weight room three days a week and that was good



Ladach works with his members of his football team at a workout session last week.

*"I see myself coaching high school kids forever. I really like the sense of community. When I was a kid I remember watching my older brother play and remember playing myself."*

**Matt Ladach**

to see."

Now that Ladach has achieved his dream job—coaching at Romulus—he has no desire to anything else but to coach high school athletes.

"I see myself coaching high school kids forever," he said. "I really like the sense of commu-

nity. When I was a kid I remember watching my older brother play and remember playing myself. I look back and those are some of the most fun we had. For most kids those are the best memories they're going to have in their lives and just want to be a part of that."

Although Ladach knows there is still a lot of hard work to be done he hopes that the community will respect his and the efforts of the players.

"I think the community will be proud," he said. "They will be proud of our kids and they will be proud to come to watch us."

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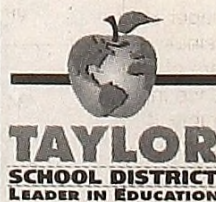
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SPORTS

Coach's corner: Frank Garcia

Matt Whalen  
Staff Writer

Under the guidance of first-year coach Frank Garcia, the Wayne Memorial Zebras won their district and fell one inning short of winning the regional tournament. Garcia's Zebras had a strong season and he said their final record doesn't reflect how well they played throughout the season. Garcia, 25, talks about himself, his days playing baseball, and his team in this edition of the Coach's Corner.

Can you tell us a little bit about your background?

I am originally from Brighton, Michigan, where I grew up playing three sports for Brighton High School. I played on the high school baseball team from 1997-1999 and was voted to the all-state team all three years. I also played hockey, where I was all-state for two years. I also messed around a little on the golf course during my four years in high school.

In college, I played baseball for four years. I was a third baseman until my junior year, when I hurt my shoulder. I continued playing, but was never the same. I graduated from college with a degree in secondary education mathematics and a minor in geography.

I currently teach at John Glenn High School. This was my first year teaching; I taught three math classes and two computer classes.

Tell me about your decision to coach baseball. How did you first get into coaching?

I originally got into coaching after my playing days were over. I always loved playing, and since I couldn't play, I figured I would try coaching. I started coaching at Ypsilanti High School, where I was offered the freshman head coaching position by the current varsity coach, Jonny Ichescio. Coach Ichescio was my summer baseball coach in high school when I played for Green Financial, a team from the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. He contacted me when he was hired as the varsity coach and I coached there for four years. I spent my first two years there as the freshman head coach and the last two as the assistant varsity coach.

How did your first season with as the coach of the Wayne Memorial Zebras go? Any comments about the season in general?

My first season was like a roller coaster with many ups and downs. Anyone who followed our team all year knows that we lost many close games. We lost nine one-run games and four of these were in extra innings.

I was happy with how the season went overall; sure I would have liked to win more games, but who wouldn't? My main goal was to teach my players to play the game the right way. This means playing hard all of the time, being a team player, and playing with class. I believe I accomplished these goals. I had very few problems on or off the field with my players. I even had coaches and umpires comment on how well my players acted and played. I think that's the best compliment that a coach can get.

What goals did you set for your team before the season?

I wanted to win the league and I wanted to win a district championship. This team accomplished one of those goals by winning their district. The game against Allen Park was one of those games that could have gone either way. Both teams played very well. Unfortunately, one team had to lose.

Was there anything that surprised you or disappointed you during the season?

I had a few of my players quit the team for different reasons, which was disappointing to me. As a coach, you do your best to try and keep your players happy and having fun. This is just a high school sport and it's about having a good time. Unfortunately, I had a few players who chose not to participate. I respected their decisions.

Would you change anything about your first season with Wayne Memorial if you could?

No. I wouldn't have changed anything, although I wish I had been hired earlier in the school year. I wasn't hired until just before the Christmas break in late December. I couldn't start doing any work with the team until January. I would have liked to do some pre-season things because I had a young team and it took a while for them to bond.

You will be losing Andrew Kaleto to Sienna Heights next year and you said that the team would especially miss his hitting.



Frank Garcia had an up and down first season as Wayne's head baseball coach, but led his Zebras to a district championship.

How many seniors are you losing total? How will losing these players impact the team? Any incoming freshman you're particularly excited about?

I am losing five seniors total: Andrew Kaleto, Justin Collop, Earl Martin, James Sikora, and Billy Fallow. All five of these seniors played an important role this past year, and they will all be missed. I think we will be mostly losing pitching. We are losing some good hitters as well, but I think the underclassmen are capable of filling those holes. The best thing we have going in to next year is the experience of winning. By winning the district and just losing in regionals, my players are already hungry to get back to where they were.

How does the future of Wayne Memorial baseball look?

In my first season as coach, I believe that I was able to teach my players to play the game of baseball the way that it is meant to be played. My teams will always play hard; they will respect their opponents, the officials, and each other. I believe this will lead to success for Wayne baseball for years to come.

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Mrs. Nothnagel worked with her husband in the family business, Wayne Music Center in Wayne. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She enjoyed sewing, reading, traveling and being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survivors include her son, Ronald E. Nothnagel and his wife, Sharon, of Boulder, Colorado, her daughter Velma L. Meissner and he husband, Stuart, of Charlotte, North

Carolina, five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and infant child, six brothers and four sisters.

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Hshld. appl., misc. small  
appl., hshld. furn., hshld.  
goods, boxes/bags, toys,  
rec. equip., other misc.  
items

Notice is hereby given  
that on 7/19/06 at 1:00pm,  
the following will be sold  
by competitive bidding at:  
Stor-N-Lock  
7840 N. Wayne Rd.  
Westland, MI

#K-14-Jessica Burton:  
household appliances,  
misc. small appliances,  
household goods,  
boxes/bags, hand tools,  
recreation equipment, lawn  
care equipment, other  
misc. items, #E-21-  
Rodney H. Geter:  
TV/Electronics, household  
furnishings, boxes/bags,  
office equipment, other  
misc. items,  
#H-2E-Fredrick Campbell:  
household appliances,  
misc. small appliances,  
TV/Electronics, household  
goods, boxes/bags, recre-  
ation equipment, other  
misc. items

Notice of Public Sale:  
On Thursday, July 20 at  
12:30PM  
U-Store-It #401,  
28266 Ecorse Rd.,  
Romulus, MI 48174 with  
reserve, will sell by the unit  
to the highest bidder by  
CASH all rights, title and  
interest to the following

property:  
P13-Susan Henker: 1988  
Ford Pickup,

E54-Scott Grishaber  
boxes, dryer, refrigerator,  
misc.

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Sunday, July 16, 10:00AM  
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#345-F. Bohanon  
#378-Fowler Inc.  
#381-M. Oakley  
#520-L. Wyatt  
#198-P. Scheinker  
#244-O. Sanchez  
#254-K. Clark  
#425-K. Reeves  
#225-E. Watters  
#271-M. Houston  
#233-D. Mercurio  
#255-R. Peterson  
#366-F. Massaquoi  
#050-S. Primo  
#186-F. Mallard  
#464-J. Johnson  
#347-G. Glenn

#### 60. Misc. Sales

##### BIDDLE BUNCH YARD SALE

Saturday, July 8  
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retirees.  
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with approved credit  
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CANTON  
2BR/2BA Condo.  
Fireplaces in Master Suite  
& family room  
1st floor laundry  
All appl. inc.  
Sm. balcony  
New const.-1400 sq. ft.  
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#### 95. Real Estate

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BELLEVILLE  
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Large deck  
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WAYNE  
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WAYNE  
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#### 105. Mobile Homes-Lots

BELLEVILLE  
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Completely remodeled &  
Updated  
Finished basement  
Oversized 2.5 car garage

\$187,000

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7/8 & 7/9  
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#### 107. Condos/Town- houses for Sale

PLYMOUTH  
Priced To Sell!  
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2 bedroom/2 bath  
1200 sq. ft.  
Garage, neutral decor,  
Wooded view, all appl.  
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# JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 2:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2006.

Joannie Payne, CMC  
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 16, 2006  
Publish: July 6, 2006  
July 13, 2006

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at South Middle School (Library) 45201 Owen Street Belleville, MI 48111

For the purpose of a Joint meeting with the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township Planning Commissions for the South Side Master Plan Project.

The public is advised a quorum of the Van Buren Township, City of Belleville and Sumpter Township Planning Commissions may occur.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice.

Charter Township of Van Buren  
46425 Tyler Road  
Van Buren Township, MI 48111  
734.699.8913

Posted: June 30, 2006  
Publish: July 6, 2006

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE. 12, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
**Present:** John Borden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

## Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambent, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as amended.\*  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-206

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 5, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Gear.  
Motion Carried.

06-207

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendations of the Romulus Planning Commission and grant special land use approval to PC-2005-013, Lee P. Rausch Metro Tech Landscape Group, located at 6851 Merriman Road; Parcel #82-80-007-01092 1, consistent with the Planning Consultant letter dated May 8, 2006 and the recommendations as follows:

1. Widening of the exiting driveway to accommodate truck traffic.
2. Waiver of the 5-foot fence or wall along the rear and sides of the lot.
3. Waiver of the curbing requirement for a portion of the drive and storage area as indicated on the site plan.
4. Waiver of the hard surface for a portion of the drive and the storage area.
5. Site plan modifications be revised and a resubmitted within 30 days.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-208

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the request of the Romulus Petitioner Keenan Brown and grant a no-fee permit to Commons II Subdivision to hold a Community Day Block party on June 24, 2006, in the subdivision to include blocking of Buckingham to dead end, Camden to Nottingham.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-209

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Willie We Dixon.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-210

5A. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation

of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and David Allison, Fire Chief David and award Bid 05/06-36 for the purchase of approximately twenty five sets of turn out gear for the Romulus Fire Department to the lowest bidder, Alert Emergency Equipment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-211

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Randy McMahan, Building & Safety Director and award Bid 05/06-38, Demolition List 05-02, to Van Assche Construction in the amount of \$7,680.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-212

5C. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Pat Hogan, Acting DPW Director and award Bid 05/06-40, one (1) Calcium Chloride Storage Tank Transfer System for the Department of Public Works to Suburban Oil Company in the amount of \$2,950.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. \*\*Item Deleted.  
5E. \*\*Item Deleted.  
5F. \*\*Item Deleted.

06-213

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to authorize the City Assessor to proceed with the creation of a special assessment district for street lighting in the Legacy Park Subdivision. Further to schedule a public hearing to be held in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objections to the proposed Assessment Roll for the Legacy Park Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No Action Needed.

06-214

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 06-11 in the amount of One Million, One Hundred Forty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$1,143,740.85).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain: Crova, Crout.  
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 12, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: June 6, 2006

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